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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT PERMITTING ELECTRONIC OR DIGITAL METHODS OF COMMUNICATION IN LIEU OF MAILED COMMUNICATIONS FOR ALL STATE, MUNICIPAL AND QUASI-PUBLIC AGENCIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section, "secure electronic delivery service" means a service that
3 possesses safeguards for the delivery or other communication of
4 electronic records to their intended recipients, including, but not
5 limited to, passwords, encryption and matching an electronic mail
6 address to a person's United States Postal Service physical address.

7 (b) Any provision of the general statutes that specifies that (1) an
8 agency of the executive, legislative or judicial branch of government,
9 (2) a quasi-public agency, or (3) a political subdivision of the state shall
10 send a communication to a person by mail, first class mail, certified
11 mail or United States mail, shall be construed to permit such agency or
12 political subdivision to send such communication using an electronic
13 or digital method, provided any such method uses a secure electronic
14 delivery service and complies with any applicable requirements of the

15 Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act 15 USC
16 96 and chapter 15 of the general statutes, and any references to a
17 postmark shall include the automatically generated time stamp of an
18 electronically mailed communication.

19 Sec. 2. Section 1-2b of the 2012 supplement to the general statutes is
20 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
21 *passage*):

22 (a) For purposes of sections [1-100oo] 1-101oo, 1-206, 2-71r, 4-176, 4-
23 180, 4-183, 4a-52a, 4a-60q, 4a-63, 4a-100, 4e-34, 4e-35, 7-65, 7-148w, 7-
24 247a, 7-473c, 7-478e, 8-3b, 8-3i, 8-7d, 8-26b, 8-169r, 8-293, 9-388, 9-608, 9-
25 623, 10a-22c, 10a-22i, 10a-34a, 10a-109n, 12-35, 12-157, 12-242ii, 12-242jj,
26 13a-80, 13a-85c, 13a-123, 15-11a, 16-41, 16-50c, 16-50d, 17a-103b, 19a-87,
27 19a-87c, 19a-209c, 19a-332e, 19a-343a, 19a-486a, 19a-486c, 19a-486d,
28 19a-497, 19a-507b, 20-205a, 20-325a, 21-63, 21-80, 22-7, 22a-6b, 22a-6u,
29 22a-30, 22a-42d, 22a-42f, 22a-66d, 22a-137, 22a-178, 22a-225, 22a-228,
30 22a-250, 22a-285b, 22a-354p, 22a-354s, 22a-354t, 22a-361, 22a-371, 22a-
31 401, 22a-403, 22a-433, 22a-436, 22a-449f, 22a-449l, 22a-449n, 22a-504,
32 22a-626, 23-46, 23-65j, 23-65i, 23-65p, 25-32, 25-32e, 25-331, 25-34, 25-
33 204, 25-234, 29-108d, 31-57c, 31-57d, 31-355, 32-613, 33-663, 33-929, 33-
34 1053, 33-1219, 34-521, 35-42, 36a-50, 36a-51, 36a-52, 36a-53, 36a-82, 36a-
35 184, 36a-493, 36b-62, 36b-72, 38-323a, 38a-344, 38a-676, 38a-724, 38a-
36 788, 42-158j, 42-161, 42-181, 42-182, 42-186, 42-271, 45a-716, 46b-115w,
37 46b-128, 47-42d, 47-74f, 47-88b, 47-236, 47-284, 47a-11b, 47a-11d, 47a-
38 13a, 47a-14h, 47a-56b, 49-2, 49-4a, 49-8, 49-8a, 49-10b, 49-31b, 49-51, 49-
39 70, 51-90e, 52-57, 52-59b, 52-63, 52-64, 52-195c, 52-350e, 52-351b, 52-
40 361a, 52-362, 52-565a, 52-605, 52-606, 53-401, 53a-128, 53a-128d, 53a-207
41 and 54-82c and chapter 965, any reference to certified mail, return
42 receipt requested, shall include mail, electronic, and digital methods of
43 receiving the return receipt, including all methods of receiving the
44 return receipt identified by the Mailing Standards of the United States
45 Postal Service in Chapter 500 of the Domestic Mail Manual or any
46 subsequent corresponding document of the United States Postal
47 Service.

48 (b) The Legislative Commissioners' Office shall, in codifying the
49 provisions of this section, make such technical, grammatical and
50 punctuation changes and statutory placements and classifications,
51 including, but not listed in subsection (a) of this section as are
52 necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	1-2b

Statement of Purpose:

To permit any state, quasi-public or municipal agency to send communications using electronic or digital methods instead of by mail and to make a technical change.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]